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Requirements for Case 21172

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BACKGROUND

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[REDACTED] make a trip into Mongolia via the Trans-Siberian railroad. The trip to Mongolia is of particular interest at this time since an inter-agency working group has been assigned to Army, G-2 to re-assess the capability of the Trans-Siberian railroad and connecting lines [REDACTED]

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The following requirements have been coordinated with the members of this working group, and represent an attempt to obtain a maximum amount of high priority information from Source.

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REQUIREMENTS

- 1) At Qask, how many locomotive repair sheds or roundhouses are there? How many stalls are there in each one? How many locomotives can be accommodated in each stall?
- 2) Were any diesel-electric locomotives seen anywhere east of Qask? If so, what type (TE-1, TE-2, TE-3, TE-G or any others)?
- 3) From Krasnoyarsk to Ulan Ule, are there signals at intervals of a few miles all along the line, or are they found only at stations and within one or two miles of stations? Do any of the telephone and telegraph wires along the line have insulation on them? If so, are the insulated wires continuous, or are there areas in which they are not found?
- 4) On the run from Irkutsk to Lake Baykal, note the following: Is the line electrified all the way? Are any steam locomotives used to pull trains? If so, how many per train? How many electric locomotives are used per train? Was an additional locomotive picked up at any place on this line? What type of electric locomotives are used (VL-22, VL-23, N-0, N-3 or any others)?
- 5) On the Ulan Ule to Mongolia line: What type of locomotives and how many locomotives are used? What is the average number of freight cars per freight train (if there is a mixture of two- and four-axle cars, this count may be given in terms of number of axles,

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or in terms of two-axle equivalents in which one four-axle car is counted as two two-axle cars)? Does every station have one or more passing sidings? Are there passing sidings at any places other than at stations? What type of signals are in use on this line (semaphore, color lights with either one, two, or three lights)? Are these signals found only at stations, or also at intervals between stations?

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